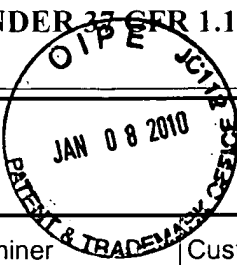
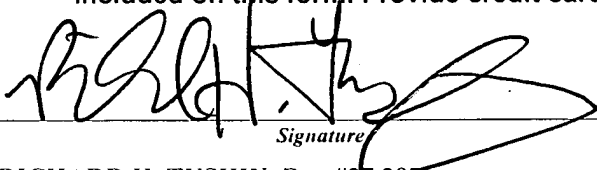


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| <b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b><br><b>(Large Entity)</b>  |                          |                           |  |                        | Docket No.<br>66352-044-7 |  |
| In Re Application Of: <b>Curt G. FALK</b>   |                          |                           |  |                        |                           |  |
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| Application No.<br>10/583,667   | Filing Date<br>6/21/2008 | Examiner<br>SIMONE, T. F. | Customer No.<br>25269  | Group Art Unit<br>3742 | Confirmation No.<br>3769  |  |
| Invention: <b>A SAFETY COUPLING ARRANGEMENT</b>   |                          |                           |  |                        |                           |  |
| <b><u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></b>   |                          |                           |  |                        |                           |  |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>9/8/2009</u> in the above-identified application.<br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Date</div>  |                          |                           |  |                        |                           |  |
| The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"><span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Two months</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Three months</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Four months</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Five months</span></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"><span>from: <u>12/8/2009</u></span><span>until: <u>1/8/2010</u></span></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"><span>Date</span><span>Date</span></div>  |                          |                           |  |                        |                           |  |
| The fee for the extension of time is <b>\$130</b> and is to be paid as follows:<br><div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <b>04-2223</b></div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. <b>04-2223</b></div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</div> |                          |                           |  |                        |                           |  |
| <b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b>   |                          |                           |  |                        |                           |  |
| <br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Signature</div>   |                          |                           | Dated: <b>Jan. 8, 2010</b>   |                        |                           |  |
| <b>RICHARD H. TUSHIN, Reg.#27,297</b>   |                          |                           |  |                        |                           |  |
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